The clinical, epidemiological, entomological and serological investigations suggested that the outbreaks were due to acute viral encephalitis.

The primary responsibility of instituting medical care and public health measures vests with the State Govt. The Central Govt, extends technical support as and when required. Guidelines on public health measures have been sent to district and State health authorities by the Central Govt.

Ayurvedic system of medicine in curriculum for abroad

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SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from developing countries to introduce ayurvedic system of medicine, naturopathy and yoga curriculum in those countries by India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(C) the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen the Indian system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATIPANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have introduced a number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to promote, develop and strengthen the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy (ISM&H). The Schemes include financial support for development of ISM&H education institutions, hospitals and dispensaries, supply of essential drugs of Ayurveda, Siddha, Upani and Homoeopathy to dispensaries in rural arid backward areas, supply of medicinal kits, strengthening of State Drug testing laboratories and pharmacies, assistance to drug manufacturing units obtaining GMP certification, support to ISM&H industry for creation of quality control facilities etc.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.